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**RAJYA SABHA**

Court of India challenging the judgement of the Delhi High Court. The matter has, therefore, become *sub-judice*.

**Agreement with Poland to manufacture M28 Skytruck**

3663. **SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Poland and India have signed an agreement in Bangalore over the manufacture of the M28 Skytruck a monoplane which in its military version can be used as a small Airborne Warning and Control System;
- (b) if so, the main features of the agreement;
- (c) whether Poland has also evinced keen interest for joint ventures with India for manufacture of defence hardware like anti-aircraft guns and military communications systems;
- (d) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):**

- (a) No, Sir
- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

**Intensive Patrolling by Navy around Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

3664. **SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether intensified patrolling by fast attack warships of the Indian Navy of sea lanes around the strategically located Andaman and Nicobar Islands and deploying aircraft with special surveillance equipments since October, 2000 have resulted in achieving the objective of cutting off illegal arms ships of Myanmar, North-Eastern States, etc.; and

- (b) if so, whether these missions have been proved successful and if so, the details thereof?